

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue). —

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer at (a).

(c) Yes.

(d) It is proposed to introduce an amendment to the Land Revenue Act in order to create the Posts of Village Patels and Grama Chakaras. Pending passing of this amendment, the services of Inferior Village Servants in the entire State of Mysore (including Ugranis of North Kanara) have been continued for a further period of one year from 1st January 1971. When the amendment is passed into law, the Ugranis, Peons are likely to be eligible for being appointed as Grama Chakaras subject to the rules to be framed in this behalf.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—I have no supplementary.

### Hereditary Village Officers

145. Sri N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the 'Mysore Village Offices Abolition Act of 1961' is in force, and whether all the provisions of the Act have come into force;

(b) whether ever since the abolition of the Hereditary Village Offices, such as Patils, Sanadies and Kolkara, the former Village Officers have been asked by the Government to work as Village Officers till today;

(c) whether Government are paying any emoluments to the officiating Hereditary Village officers; if so, the period for which they are so paid, and if they are not paid, since when and the reasons for the same;

(d) whether the idea of the Government in doing away with the services of the hereditary Village Officers was with a view to get efficient work from the Village Accountants;

(e) whether Government would consider the invaluable services rendered by the Hereditary Village Officers (superior and inferior) so far and take into consideration their efficiency and experience while making fresh appointments as Village Officers;

(f) whether there is any proposal to extend the time limit for making application by the holder of a Village Office for getting the relief he is entitled to?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes, in some cases, they have been continued from time to time as a temporary measure.

(c) They are paid emoluments on the same basis as they were receiving prior to the coming into force of the Mysore Village Offices Abolition Act.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes, hereditary Village Officers are also eligible for being appointed as Village Accountants subject to the qualification prescribed in the Mysore Revenue Subordinate (Village Accountants) Cadre and Recruitment Rules, 1970.

(f) The time limit specified in Section 9 (2) of the Mysore Village Offices Abolition Act, 1961 has been removed by the Amendment Act 8 of 1968. As a result of this amendment, it is open to any ex-holder of the Village Office to apply to the Deputy Commissioner for the relief specified in Section 9 (1) of the Act.

Sri N. B. SIRDESAI.—May I know whether the dependents of the Ex-village Officers will be appointed to the posts which were held by their relations?

† Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—So far as the question of appointment to the inferior service is concerned, it is the policy of the Government to give preference to the members of the Ex-village Officers. So far as the Village Accountants are concerned, preference will be given to the people of the Ex-village Officers who have got the necessary qualifications.

Sri N. B. SIRDESAI.—May I know whether it has come to the notice of the Government that emoluments to the Village Officers are not being paid in Khanapur Taluka?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—I have not received any such complaint. If there are any such delays, they can apply and we will look into the cases and see that justice is done to them.

### Drinking Water Wells in Doddaballapur Taluk

149. Sri G. RAME GOWDA (Doddaballapura).—

Will the Minister for Development be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of villages that are yet to be provided with Drinking Water Wells in Doddaballapur Taluk;

(b) the number of wells in respect of which digging work has started, but not yet completed;